

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the above specification amendment. Applicants' previously submitted "Response to Final Office Action Filed Together With a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE")" dated August 3, 2010, in response to an assertion in the prior Office Action that, "The continuation data at the beginning of the specification is erroneous," states the following:

Applicant is attempting to address the priority claim issue by way of petition that was submitted to the U.S. Patent Office on December 11, 2009, under separate cover requesting addition of a priority claim in the now-abandoned application number 08/740,031. The Applicant believes that the priority issue in the present case will be overcome by the addition of the priority claim in the prior application.

Applicants would now draw the Examiner's attention to the fact that the petition in application number 08/740,031 referenced above has now been granted by way of a Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182 mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 30, 2010, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. By the granting of the petition, the priority claim in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/740,031 is amended to state that, "This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/603,676 filed on February 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,423,095, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/543,563 filed October 16, 1995 now abandoned."

The amendment to the present specification submitted herewith returns certain wording of the priority claim in the present application to its prior form (i.e., reverses an amendment made to this paragraph by way of Applicants' "Response to Office Communication" dated July 23, 2009). With the granting of the petition in Application No. 08/740,031, it is believed that the priority claim in the present application, as amended, is now consistent with USPTO records and is in all other regards proper.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this Supplemental Amendment together with the "Response to Final Office Action Filed Together With a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE")" submitted in this application on August 3, 2010. Upon entry of the above amendment, it is believed that all issues raised in the prior Office Action have been

overcome and that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any issues remain with regard to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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